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Application of: Srivastava

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For:

PEPTIDES FROM STRESS PROTEIN-

PEPTIDE COMPLEXES

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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121 AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated December 14, 2001, in which the Examiner imposed a restriction requirement, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. Applicant concurrently submits a mark-up of the amended claims as Appendix A. Additionally, the claims as pending after entry of this amendment are attached as Appendix B.

## **IN THE CLAIMS:**

A marked-up version of the claims showing the amendments is attached hereto as Appendix A. Matter that has been added to claim 20 is indicated by underlining.

Please amend the claims as follows:

Cancel claim 1 without prejudice.

Please amend claim 20 to read as follows:

20. (Amended) A purified pertide that is characterized as being present as a non-covalent complex with a stress protein in a mammalian tumor cell.